

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 19, 2022
Administration Building – 500 S. Broadway

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
(This meeting was a hybrid meeting and broadcasted live via Microsoft Teams and was recorded.)

Roll Call - Council Members: Councilors Geof Benson, John Blackburn, Susan Loeb, Matrona Malik, and Thomas Weber were present. Also, present: Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt, Town Attorney Connor Nolan (attended virtually) and Marshal Ed Clapp.

Title VI Survey Availability

President Benson announced the availability of the Title VI public involvement survey. This survey is available online via the Town's website.

Public Presentations

Smith Group Public Presentation of findings for the Lakefront: A presentation with questions and answers was presented. A PDF will be posted on the Town's website when available. The summary:

- Design for a long-term resilient shoreline.
- Preserve and enhance community character and uniqueness.
- Establish and maintain a clear and positive collaborative relationship and process between the Town and the NPS.
- Maximize funding eligibility.
- Provide a balance design framework to model across southern Lake Michigan.

Request for use of Town Hall on September 3, 2022 for Fred Braun's memorial from 11-1 (not including set up and clean up)

Request for use of Town Hall on August 13, 2022 for Jim Morrow's memorial from 2pm-5pm (includes set up and clean up)

There was discussion about the uses for Town Hall versus the Community House. The consensus was that Town Hall is not the proper venue for the requests. COVID19 protocols were also discussed. Councilor Malik motioned to deny both requests for the use of Town Hall. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of June 21, 2022, Council Meeting minutes

Councilor Malik motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved.

Report of Police & Street Departments

Violation Report:

12334/Benda: Councilor Malik motioned to deny appeal. Vice President Loeb seconded. There was discussion. Unanimously approved.

Police Report – Marshal Clapp gave report.

Street Report – Marshal Clapp gave report. The crack fill road project has been completed. Councilor Malik motioned to allow Marshal Clapp to apply for the Community Crossings Grant 2022-02. Vice President Loeb seconded. There was discussion. Unanimously approved. Clapp reported NIPSCO took down the dead cottonwood tree by the storage building. He thanked Dale Nichols for fixing the Dark Sky sign at Beverly Dr. near Highway 12. He met with President Benson and INDOT regarding intersection at Beverly Dr. and Highway 12. INDOT has agreed to fill potholes. INDOT has a plan for the intersection scheduled for 2027; 1) The Town takes ownership and responsibility for the approximately 150 feet of additional road, or 2) INDOT removes the intersection. Councilor Malik motioned allow Marshal Clapp to spend up to \$1,000 from the General Fund: Other Services to replace gutter at the west side of the Administration Building. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Weber asked about making parking at Lake Front and Drake. Marshal Clapp has concerns about emergency access would be blocked if there were cars or golf carts parked.

Ordinances & Resolutions

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN OF 2021 (ARP): Councilor Malik motioned to approve on first reading. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Malik motioned to consider on second reading during the same meeting as it was introduced. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Malik motioned to adopt ordinance. Councilor Weber seconded. Unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE LAKE MICHIGAN COASTAL GRANT: Councilor Weber motioned to approve on first reading. Vice President Loeb seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Weber motioned to consider on second reading during the same meeting as it was introduced. Vice President Loeb seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Weber motioned to adopt ordinance. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06? Floodplain Map Ordinance: The DNR is reviewing draft.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Claims –CT Hundt presented APV register, noting items that were not monthly expenses. Vice President Loeb motioned to approve the APVs as presented. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. CT Hundt also presented the Fund, Revenue, Appropriation reports, Garbage reports, 4 bank reconciliations, and payroll reports. Council Blackburn will sign off on reports.

Consideration of Claims for Bonds, 2020 Series: There were no APVs.

Public Comment

Comments were read from Teams chat that were focused on Smith Group presentation.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA progress: Councilor Malik gave report.

Greenspace Committee: Vice President Loeb gave report.

Park Board: Councilor Malik gave report.

Building & Building Site Committee: Vice President Loeb gave report.

Board of Zoning Appeals: No Meeting

Capital Planning Committee: No Meeting.

Fire & Emergency Management: Councilor Weber gave report. Councilor Weber motioned to get quotes for pavement repair in front of firehouse. Councilor Blackburn seconded.

Unanimously approved. Councilor Weber motioned to get quotes for gutter/downspout repair for southwest side of firehouse. Councilor Blackburn seconded. Unanimously approved.

Indiana Dunes National Park: Councilors Blackburn and Weber gave report. The waterline to Kemil has been delayed. NPS has plan for the corner of Kemil and Lake Front but has not presented it to the Marshal yet. Lakeview improvements, including ADA access, was discussed. MOA for campsites on Carolina Ave have been delayed due to indemnification clause. Councilor Blackburn will discuss other options with NPS>

Plan Commission: Councilors Weber gave report.

NIRPC: Nothing to report.

Depot Museum & Gallery: Councilor Blackburn gave report.

Unfinished Business:

Beverly Drive and US12 MOU with INDOT decision (finalized by Sept 30, 2022): Previously discussed.

Carolina Ave Campsite MOA with NPS progress: Previously discussed.

AV equipment installation: Frank Hardwick is meeting with AV installer on July 21, 2022.

Smith Group progress and tasks: Vice President Loeb reported she is working on final report.

ARPA Plan : There was discussion about giving money to the BSVFD for turnout gear.

Clarification of Heritage Trail signage permissions & plan: President Benson stated there is no clear communication regarding the number, size, or placements of signs. There have been unapproved signs installed in areas not on original list. Councilor Blackburn will get a final list from Ed Kleese.

Fix for Admin Building floor slope: No update.

New Business

Is leaf pickup sustainable: CT Hundt reported last years' leaf pickup was twice as much as what was budgeted. There is no way to determine costs each year. After Town Council discussion it was determined this service was unsustainable. CT Hundt to send out email to notify residents.

Memorandum of Understanding with Porter County Elections & Registration: Attorney Nolan recommended changes. President Benson to send change requests.

Permission to request quotes for gutter repair on Admin Building: Previously discussed.

Written Communications

None.

Town Council Comment

None.

Adjourn:

Councilor Malik motioned to adjourn.

Vice President Loeb seconded.

Adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Town Council President:

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer

Ellen Hundt

